## **Supplementary Table S1**

Web server	Reference	Max input		Off-target search			<del>-</del>	
		sequence length	Supported organisms	Perfect matches	Miematchoe	Insertions	Ranking methods	API
CRISPR Design (http://crispr.mit.edu/)	Hsu et al. (2013) Nat. Biotechnol., <b>31</b> , 827- 832. Ran et al. (2013) Cell, <b>154</b> , 1380-1389.	250 bp	human, mouse, zebrafish, C. elegans, rat, fruit fly, rabbit, pig, possum, chicken, Arabidopsis, dog, mosquito, stickleback	yes	yes	no no	Scores based on faithfulness of on-target activity computed as 100% minus a weighted sum of off-target hit-scores, which are computed by taking into account total number of mismatches, mismatch absolute position, and mean pairwise distance between mismatches.	no (batch mode available, but
E-CRISP (http://www.e-crisp.org/)	Heigwer et al. (2014) Nat. Methods, <b>11</b> , 122- 123.	more than 10 kbp	fly, Arabidopsis, human, zebrafish, C. elegans, mouse, rat, budding yeast, frog, dog, purple false brome, rice, medaka, maize, smut fungi, Toxoplasma, three-spined stickleback, black cottonwood, pig	yes	yes	no (off-targets with gaps are not detected as described)	Computes Specificity score, Annotation score, and Efficiency score. Specificity score starts with 100, for every off-target subtract (20-%mismatches).	no (supports multi FASTA file upload)
ZiFiT (http://zifit.partners.org/)	Sander <i>et al.</i> (2010) <i>Nucleic Acids Res.</i> , <b>38</b> , W462-W468.	1000 bp	human, rat, mouse, zebrafish, fruit fly, <i>C.</i> <i>elegans</i> , mosquito, <i>E. coli</i>	yes	yes	no	-	no (supports multi FASTA input, but off-target searches are not performed)
Cas9 Design (http://cas9.cbi.pku.edu.cn/)	Ma et al. (2013) Biomed. Res. Int., <b>2013</b> , 270805.		human, mouse, rat, zebrafish, fruit fly, <i>Arabidopsis</i> , tomato, sheep, honeybee	yes	yes	no	Sorted by both number of mapping hits and number of overlapping SNPs. gRNAs with only 1 mapping and 0 SNP are highlighted in green and ordered on the top.	no
CHOPCHOP (https://chopchop.rc.fas.harvard.edu/)	Montague et al. (2014) Nucleic Acids Res., 42, W401-W407.	more than 10 kbp	mosquito, <i>Arabidopsis</i> , <i>C. elegans</i> , fruit fly, zebrafish, human, mouse, budding yeast, frog	yes	yes	no	Scores based on (i) the number of off-targets, (ii) whether off-targets are perfect hits or have mismatches, (iii) location in the gene (the more 5' the better), (iv) GC-content, (v) G at position 20 in the target site.	no
DNA2.0 gRNA Design Tool (https://www.dna20.com/eCommerce/ startCas9)	-	10 kbp	human, mouse, budding yeast, <i>E. coli</i>	yes	no	no	Scores based on the occurrence of the 12 base pair seed sequence in the genome.	no
Cas-OFFinder (http://www.rgenome.net/cas-offinder/)	Bae et al. (2014) Bioinformatics, <b>30</b> , 1473-1475.	(performs off-target searches for given gRNAs)	human, mouse, cow, dog, rat, pig, zebrafish, fruit fly, C. elegans, Arabidopsis, rice, tomato, corn, monkey, Aspergillus	yes	yes	no	-	no
CRISPRdirect (http://crispr.dbcls.jp/)	This work	10 kbp	human, mouse, rat, marmoset, pig, chicken, frog, zebrafish, <i>Ciona</i> , fruit fly, silkworm, <i>C.</i> <i>elegans</i> , <i>Arabidopsis</i> , rice, <i>Sorghum</i> , budding yeast	yes	yes	yes	Target sites with unique 20mer+PAM and 12mer+PAM in the genome are marked green. A detailed list of off-targets with mismatches and gaps are investigated in separate window.	yes